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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
10 AT TACOMA

11 DAVID HARBORD and HATSUYO
12 HARBORD,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 MTC FINANCIAL INC., BAYVIEW
16 FINANCIAL LLC, BAYVIEW LOAN
17 SERVICING LLC, BAYVIEW
18 HOLDINGS, FARMS INC. CO. OF WA,
19 CHASE BANK, JP MORGAN
20 FINANCIAL, WELLS FARGO, and
21 VANGUARD GROUP,

22 Defendants.

CASE NO. 20-5080 RJB

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
FAX FILING

23 THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the Plaintiff's Motion for Fax Filing. Dkt.
24 13. The Court has reviewed the motion and record and is fully advised.

25 This case arises from foreclosure proceedings against Hatsuyo Harbord's real property
26 commonly known as 461 McFarland Drive, Sequim, WA. Dkt. 1. On February 21, 2020,
27 around 4:45 p.m., the Clerk of the Court's Office received a fax which purported to be from the

1 Plaintiff. On Feb. 25, 2020, the Court informed the Plaintiff that it would not accept filings by
2 fax. Dkt. 7.

3 The Plaintiff now moves the Court to accept pleadings by fax because of difficulties in
4 getting to the courthouse to hand deliver her pleadings. Dkt. 13.

5 DISCUSSION

6 Pursuant to Local Rule W.D. Wash. 5(d), unrepresented parties, like the Plaintiffs here,
7 “may, but are not required to, file electronically.” Unrepresented parties may also file their
8 pleadings by mailing them to the Clerk of the Court. *See* Fed. Civ. R. P. 5 and Local Civil Rule
9 5. “Electronically” refers to the Court’s electronic case filing system (ECF). The Clerk of the
10 Court does not accept filings by fax.

11 The Plaintiff’s motion to file pleadings by fax (Dkt. 13) should be denied. The Plaintiff
12 is free to mail her pleadings to the Clerk of the Court for filing. The Plaintiff is reminded that
13 “[p]ro se litigants must follow the same rules of procedure that govern other litigants,” *Briones v.*
14 *Riviera Hotel & Casino*, 116 F.3d 379, 381 (9th Cir. 1997), including the Federal Rules of Civil
15 Procedure and the Local Civil Rules of the Western District of Washington.

16 IT IS SO ORDERED.

17 The Clerk is directed to send uncertified copies of this Order to all counsel of record and
18 to any party appearing *pro se* at said party’s last known address.

19 Dated this 30th day of March, 2020.

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21 ROBERT J. BRYAN
22 United States District Judge
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